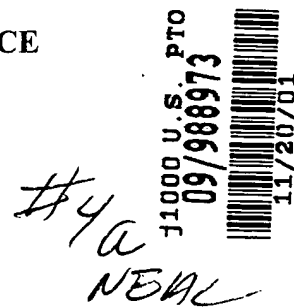


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449.

A copy of each of the listed references is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicants respectfully request that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants further request that a copy of the PTO Form No. 1449, appropriately initialed by the Examiner, be returned to Applicants' attorney.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 for such fees. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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